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SUBJECT: WTO SECRETARY GENERAL'S CONSULTATION RE FIRST ASSEMBLY

REF: GENEVA 7089

1. WTO SYG LONATI INFORMED MISSION OFFICER NOV 22 THAT HE ENGAGING IN EXTENSIVE CONSULTATIONS WITH CHIEFS OF MISSIONS GENEVA REPRESENTING WIDE GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION OF WTO MEMBERSHIP RE HIS PLAN TO CALL FIRST WTO ASSEMBLY IN MARCH, 1975. HE SAID THAT OF APPROXIMATELY 12 MISSION CHIEFS SO FAR CONSULTATED HE FOUND LARGE MAJORITY COMPLETELY FAVORABLE. AMONG MISSION CONTACTED HAVE BEEN NETHERLANDS, SPAIN, INDIA, EGYPT, TURKEY, MEXICO, ZAIRE, EEC ETC.

2. SYG SAID HTAT HE PLANNED AT PANAMA CITY TO CONSULT INFORMALLY IUOTO EXCUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS WHO HAD NOT INDICATED THEIR INTENTIONS

REGARDING ARTICLE 42 WHETHER OR NOT THEY PLANNED TO UTILIZE PROVISIONS.

3. HE SAID, FINALLY, THAT HE NOW PLANS TO MAIL OUT NEW WTO BUDGET ONLY AFTER IUOTO EXCUTIVE COMMITTEE HAS ADOPTED REPORT OF ITS WORKING PARTY ON SUBJECT; NAMELY, BETWEEN DECEMBER

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4. LONATI REPORTED THAT RAWAT, INDIAN TOURIST CHIEF, GENEVA, DECRIED LONATI'S PLAN TO CALL EARLY WTO ASSEMBLY ON GROUNDS PROPOSAL DID NOT REFLECT WILL OF GROUP OF 77 BUT ONLY WILL OF MAJOR COUNTRIES. MISSION OFFICER COMMENTED THAT NOW THAT WTO HAD COME INTO BEING AS AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION, MR. RAWAT WOULD PROBABLY HAVE TO SHARE HIS REPRESENTATION OF INDIA WITH INDIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY AND THAT LATTER MIGHT WELL HAVE DIFFERENCE VIEWS THAN HE RE EARLY WTO ASSEMBLY. ABRAMS

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